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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8987

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJECT: MANY EXPECT EARLY ELECTION IN SA

FOR PAST FEW WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN GROWING SPECULATION THAT GENERAL ELECTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE PARLIAMENT WILL BE HELD IN EARLY 1974. INFORMATION THAT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES SUPPORTS THIS THESIS. TWO DAYS AGO TWO AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPERS HAD STORY, POSSIBLY LEAKED BY NATIONALISTS, THAT VORSTER GOVERNMENT WILL SOON MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ELECTION. FINALLY, YESTERDAY'S NEWS ABOUT ARAB BOYCOTT OF OIL TO SA IS VIEWED BY SOME HERE AS POSSIBLY DECIDING FACTOR IN FAVOR OF EARLY ELECTION. OF COURSE, DECISION RESTS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE HE COULD CONFOUND THE EXPERTS AND OPT AGAINST EARLY ELECTIONS.

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